

Visayas & East Philippine Route (minimum four weeks)

Manila - Dumaguete (boat or flight), Dumaguete - Moalboal (boat and bus), Moalboal - Cebu City (bus), Cebu City - Siargao (flight), Siargao - Surigao (boat), Surigao - Butuan - Balingoan (bus), Balingoan - Camiguin (boat), Camiguin - Cebu City (flight), Cebu City - Ormoc (boat), Ormoc - Tacloban (bus), Tacloban - Legaspi (bus and boat), Legaspi - Lucena (bus), Lucena - Marinduque (boat), Marinduque - Manila (flight, or boat and bus)

The best time to travel around the islands in the east of the Philippines is from May until September, while the south-west monsoon is drenching the west and north of the country. As long as the weather is agreeable, the place to start this route is the friendly university town of Dumaguete in the south-east of Negros. It's not far from there to Moalboal on the island of Cebu, where all kinds of sporting activities are on offer. The flight from Cebu City to Siargao Island is a quick way of getting to the Philippine surfers' paradise. The next destination is the pleasant little island of Camiguin and its numerous waterfalls, with seven volcanoes brooding over them. Then it's off, via Cebu City, to Ormoc and Tacloban on the island of Leyte, carrying on along the beautiful west coast of Samar and through South Luzon to Legaspi (Mt Mayon volcano). If you're not ready to fly directly back to Manila, you could break the journey in Lucena and nip over to enjoy the pleasant, laid-back island of Marinduque.

